IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

IN RE: BAIR HUGGER FORCED AIR WARMING PRODUCT LIABILITY

LITIGATION

This Document Relates To:

MICHAEL STRAIN,

Plaintiff.

Civil Action No.: 17-CV-01978-JNE-FLN

MDL No.: 15-md-02666 (JNE/FLN)

PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS

NOW COMES Plaintiff, Michael Strain, identified in Defendants' Motion to Dismiss for Failure to Comply with Pretrial Order No. 14 [Dkt. 1124], and by and through undersigned counsel submits this, his Response to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, and would respectively show the Court the following:

- In June of 2015, Mr. Michael Strain contacted undersigned counsel regarding an
 infection and subsequent treatment that he experienced due to the use of a Bair
 Hugger patient warming device during an orthopedic surgery.
- Counsel worked to obtain medical records and billing records to move forward with the case. Those records indicated that a Bair Hugger device was used during the original surgery.
- 3. On June 9, 2017, counsel filed the current action to comply with what was identified as the applicable statute of limitations deadline for the relevant claim.

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4. Efforts to have Mr. Strain complete the Plaintiff Fact Sheet have been complicated

by the inability to contact the client. Counsel for Plaintiff believe that additional

time could allow them to contact Plaintiff and complete the Plaintiff Fact Sheet.

5. While counsel has diligently continued their attempts to contact Mr. Strain for

several months, those efforts have not been successful to date.

6. As a result, counsel has not been able to obtain the necessary information to

complete the Plaintiff Fact Sheet for this claim.

Accordingly, undersigned counsel request that the current action not be dismissed with

prejudice and that Mr. Strain be given an additional sixty (60) days to contact counsel in order

to provide the necessary information to cure any alleged deficiencies with the Plaintiff Fact

Sheet and to continue the case.

Dated: March 8, 2018 KENNEDY HODGES, LLP

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on March 8, 2018 a copy of the forgoing instrument was served on all parties via the Court's electronic filing system.

By: <u>/s/ David W. Hodges</u>
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